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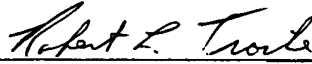
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Yifan Gong  
Serial No. 09/589,252

Title: Source Normalization Training  
For HMM Modeling of Speech  
Filed: June 7, 2000  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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After granting of the continued examination filing, the following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Decision on Appeal dated March 22, 2004. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Office Action. The Commissioner For Parents is hereby authorized to charge the costs or any other fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.